

Hello, from the Charleston, WV forecast office!

Spring is here with chances for severe weather increasing as we head into May and June. Unfortunately, due to federal budget and travel constraints, we'll only be able to hold a handful of spotter talks outside the office this year. Those specific locations and dates are yet to be determined.

As an alternative, we'd like to make you aware of a couple of online "virtual" spotter talks we will be holding through GoToMeeting, based at our office! The audio portion of the presentation will be done through 'normal' phone lines. In other words, you will be watching a video presentation on your computer while listening to me through your phone (a little different from a teleconference).

Specifically, we will be holding at least **2** on-line spotter talks...on the following dates:

- Wednesday, May 1st
- Tuesday, May 7th

Computer System Requirements:

In order to participate in any of our virtual spotter talks, the computer you plan on using must meet certain requirements. Please check to see if your computer is equipped to view a GoToMeeting using this link:

http://support.citrixonline.com/GoToMeeting/all_files/GTM010003

Most folks will use the list of requirements which falls under the first category "WINDOWS". Unfortunately, if your computer does not meet the list of requirements corresponding to your operating system, you will not be able to view the GoToMeeting.

Once you've verified that your computer can view a GoToMeeting session, all that remains is to select a date which you would like to attend, and send an email. If you would like to attend a session, please email me at gregory.guillot@noaa.gov and type in the date of the session you want in the subject line of the email. If you prefer a particular session but could also attend the other session, let me know that in your reply. Only 25 people can attend each session, and it will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis...based on email time-stamp. In the following few days, you will then receive an email with instructions and a link to register for the sessions.

The sessions are scheduled to begin at 6:30pm EDT, and will last no longer than 2 hours.

We at the Charleston forecast office thank each of you for your continued help and support. Your help is a vital part of helping us with our main mission, which is to help protect life and property from severe and hazardous weather-related conditions. Please feel free to email either myself or our Warning Coordination Meteorologist Faith Borden, faith.borden@noaa.gov, if you have any questions

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Thank you,
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